

# SCHOOL LIAISON LINK



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"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

## School Liaison Office is Now on Facebook!

I am very excited to share with you that the School Liaison Office is now on Facebook! Please like my page and be prepared for tons of information to come your way. I will post information about current events, new information that pertains to military families, EFMP news, scholarships and much more. The link to my facebook page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grand-Forks-Air-Force-Base-School-Liaison-Office/271965919501874?sk=wall>



I also have a web page that is full of information for everyone in the family. There are links for parents, EFMP families, and youth. I also have listed educational sites that may interest you as well as the websites for all the local school districts. You can access the webpage by going to [www.grandforks.af.mil](http://www.grandforks.af.mil) or <http://www.grandforks.af.mil/library/schoolliaison.asp>

## 100 Best Communities for Young People 5 Time Winner!!



Grand Forks achieved national recognition as one of America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING for its initiatives to help young people. The competition recognizes communities across the country that focus on reducing high school dropout rates and providing service and support to their youth. Grand Forks has pledged its support to the young people of Grand Forks in 5 promise areas: caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; an effective education; and opportunities to help others.

This award is part of America's Promise Campaign. The School Liaison Office is proud to be a partner agency. For more information about America's Promise Alliance, visit [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org).

Congratulations to Grand Forks for making this city a wonderful place for youth!

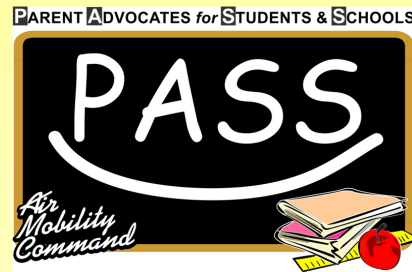
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### Parent Advocates for Students and Schools



#### What is PASS?

- Parent led resiliency model that helps parents advocate for their educational values for their children.
- Peer to peer mentoring program. Parents share “lessons learned” with each other on many different topics, such as smooth transitioning to new schools, how to make a school profile for your child, how to prepare your child for college and more.
- Prepares military parents and students to explore educational alternatives the respond to their mobile lifestyle.

#### Vision

The PASS program is designed to create opportunities for parents to support each other through common challenges and experiences. It provides an avenue for parents and educators to find solutions to education issues through new partnerships. Knowing that their children’s educational needs are met enables the military members to keep their focus on the mission.

#### Goal

Our goal is to educate military parents and establish networking opportunities to bring about the best educational outcomes for military-connected families.

#### Objectives

- Set students up for long-term success by increasing parents’ abilities to promote partnerships with school systems utilizing base and community resources
- Share ideas through workshops, peer-to-peer networking, and advocacy meetings/groups; reach out to parents with children of all ages to provide strategies for school readiness
- Increase parents’ knowledge of available supplemental services as well as their rights and responsibilities under statutory and regulatory educational laws
- Assist parents and students to prepare for college and careers

**Quote from Mrs. Linda McNabb:** “My vision is that PASS will help parents understand how valuable they are in their child’s educational process. I want parents with school-aged children to have opportunities to meet with one another to discuss successful methods for navigating through school systems. I believe that when parents are provided well-researched tools and networking opportunities, they can better manage the demands of a mobile military lifestyle.”

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**National Family Week  
21-25 Nov 2011**

**Mark your Calendars now!**

## **Family Processing Deployment Exercise/Open House**

☞ Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 -2. ☞  
Grand Forks AFB, ND.

Everyone Welcome, including Retirees, and all area DoD military families!  
*(You must be with an ID card-holder to be allowed on base.)*

Plan to spend an hour or two at this community-sponsored event.  
Tours, Static Displays, Agency Resources, Mock Briefings, and More!

- ☑ **Park at the Fitness Center or Liberty Square.**
- ☑ **Tours (Deployment “Chalks”) will leave by bus from the East Door at the Fitness Center about every 30 minutes, starting at 10:15.**
- ☑ **Arrive anytime after 10, and before the last chalk at 1:30.**
- ☑ **Great Photo Opportunities—Bring your Family *and camera!***

Looking for a Way to Help Base Youth!

A Math Companion, a free math tutoring service is looking for a monitor to work with students enrolled in their program after school twice a week. Base pay \$25 per hour or \$10 per student, per hour. Please Contact Abby Hanlon for more details. 218-428-8811 or [Abby@amathcompanion.com](mailto:Abby@amathcompanion.com)

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## Scholarship News!



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The **Marquette's Youth of the Year Scholarship** is now available. It is valued at \$31,000 per year and available for 2009, 2010, 2011 unit, organization, state, regional youth of the year winners. This is a great opportunity for military youth to attend college on a full scholarship. Scholarships will be available for the 2012 YoY winner as well so encourage participation in this year's YoY program!

Marquette University partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to provide full-tuition scholarships for up to three Youth of the Year winners annually.

Interested students must meet Marquette's admission requirements and complete both the Marquette admissions application <http://www.marquette.edu/explore/applytoday.shtml> and the Marquette/BGCA Youth of the Year scholarship application [http://www.marquette.edu/explore/scholarships\\_bgca.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/explore/scholarships_bgca.shtml). Marquette's regular admissions application deadline for the academic year beginning in fall 2012 is Dec 1, 2011. The scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2012. It is strongly recommended that both applications be submitted at the same time by or before Dec 1.

More details are available on the fact sheet provided below or at:

[http://www.bgca.net/Programs/YOY/Documents/2012\\_YOY\\_Marquette\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.bgca.net/Programs/YOY/Documents/2012_YOY_Marquette_Fact_Sheet.pdf). Or register for a webinar on Tues, Nov 15 at 1100 am or 3:00 pm EST by sending an e-mail to [edu&arts@bgca.org](mailto:edu&arts@bgca.org). Include your name, title, and the name, city and state of the BGCA Club. Once received, an e-mail confirmation with instructions for accessing the webinar will be sent.

## **Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship**

The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships recognize students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models and solutions to eliminate hunger in America. The scholarship recipients each receive \$5,000 for their education as well as a matching grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice.

**2012 Application Period: October 5 - December 5, 2011. APPLY NOW!**

Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships are open to students (Kindergarten through graduate school) enrolled in an accredited educational institution in the United States.

\* Applicants must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States at least within the last 12 months. Added consideration is given to students working to fight childhood hunger.

\* Volunteer services must be helping non-family members. Multiple applications of the same student will not be accepted; if more than one application for an individual is received, the first application received will be the application accepted and reviewed.

\* Applicants must obtain a Community Service Recommendation as part of the application process.

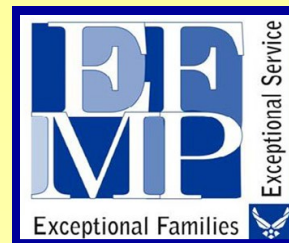
\* Recommenders must be at least 21 years of age, may NOT be your parent, guardian or family member, and must submit their recommendation by December 9, 2011.

- All applicants and recommenders must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact ISTS by email at [info@applyists.com](mailto:info@applyists.com) or by phone at 615-320-3149. When emailing or calling, please indicate that you are inquiring about the Sodexo Foundation Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships.

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## EFMP News



### Family Voices of North Dakota (Conference calls from home)

- **Parent to Parent Workshop**

Attend Part 1 of the Parent to Parent Workshop. Want to help other families by providing emotional support. This topical call is for you. Become a support parent for another who may be going through similar situations....The ND Parent to Parent Program provides emotional support on a 1:1 basis for families.

**When:** Thursday November 10, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM CST

- **Autism Topical Call**

We hope to bring families together from across the state to meet one another, share resources, identify gaps and more.

**When:** Tuesday November 22, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM CST

If you have any questions, please call: Donene Feist,  
Family Voices of North Dakota [fvnd@drtel.net](mailto:fvnd@drtel.net) or 888-522-9654

### Parent Tool Kit

The DoD Parent Toolkit is a comprehensive resource for families who have members with special needs. This toolkit is comprised of 6 different downloadable and printable modules. Modules topics focus on navigating the medical and special education systems, finding community support, and figuring out benefits and entitlements.

To view these modules please click on the following link:  
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/tf/efmp>

